THE LAND OF THE PHARAOHS.

ENCOURAGING REPORTS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EGYPT GENERAL MISSION.

DURING the past year the work of the Egypt General Mission has gone steadily on, and throughout that period the workers have found much for which to thank God. He has been mindful of His own, and from the annual report just published it can be seen that the income for the year from all sources has increased £3,086 on the previous year, which, in war time, is a thing to rejoice over.

The annual meetings held on Thursday last at Drayton Park Hall were an inspiration to many. The day was one of much blessing, at each meeting the power of the Holy Spirit being plainly felt. A fitting climax to the day was the evening meeting, with the Rev. J. M. Pollock in the chair. After the opening hymn, the Rev. Bernard Brown, serving with the Australian Medical Corps, read a portion of Scripture, and followed with an earnest and uplifting prayer. The chairman, in his address, pointed out two purposes for which they had gathered together. The first was for retrospect, to remember, he said, all the way the Lord has hitherto led us, and to praise Him for the way in which He hath helped us. Secondly, for prospect, seeking grace from Him for the future, whatever the future may have in store for us. He based his remarks mainly on the words, "I am ready," pointing out the three different occasions when St. Paul used these words in his life, each occasion calling him into different, newer, and more difficult experiences. The first time was in Romans i. 15, when he said, "I am ready to preach the Gospel," &c. The second time was in Acts xxi. 14, showing he was ready for persecution; and the third time in 2 Timothy iv. 6, when he said, "I am now ready to be offered." Thus he was ready for service, sacrifice, and ready for translation. We are living in critical times, he went on; we do not know what is in the future, but we, like St. Paul, must be ready for these things—ready for service, to carry the message of the Gospel to the people of Egypt; ready for sacrifice, the sacrifice of self-denial in many directions; or ready for translation, and that, he added, is certainly coming one day.

Mr. Gordon Logan had some encouraging words to say about the work of the past year, and especially of the work which has been done, and is being done, amongst the soldiers in Egypt. Not only are the men being converted themselves, but they go about trying to convert others.

Mrs. Gordon Logan also gave her testimony as to the work and prospects of that land. "I think," she said, "it is so wonderful that God should choose the weak things of this world to fulfil His purposes and His plans." Illustrating her meaning, she told the story of a little Egyptian boy whose mother left him, and who she and her husband adopted when in Egypt. He was with them for some years, and when they returned home they had, of course, to leave him there in charge of the ladies at the girls' school. He got too big at last for this school, and as there was no boys' boarding-school to send him to, they had to let him go. Some little while later he died, and Mr. Logan wrote an account of his life in the Egypt General Mission *News*. A lady, seeing it, wrote to her and said "Why don't you have a boys' boarding-school? Is it because of funds? If so, I am ready to supply that need." Thus God had mightily used this little life.

The Rev. Charles Inwood based his remarks on the words of Isaiah vi. 8, "Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then said I, 'Here am I; send me.'" He pointed out that Isaiah was not at first ready for the call, but after he had seen the vision of the holiness of God and felt the mystic touch of the living coal from the altar, he was ready to say, "Here am I, Lord: send me," in answer to God's question as to who He should send. He then brought this truth home to his audience. God, he said, was asking now, in that room, who He should send to Egypt, and may be, added Mr. Inwood, some of you will answer here to-night, "Here am I, Lord; send me."

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